



DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Press Briefing
April 17, 2020

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19

2,075 positive cases

since first case confirmed on March 11, 2020

52 deaths

378 recoveries

209 hospitalizations

As of April 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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1,003
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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352
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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698

positive cases

*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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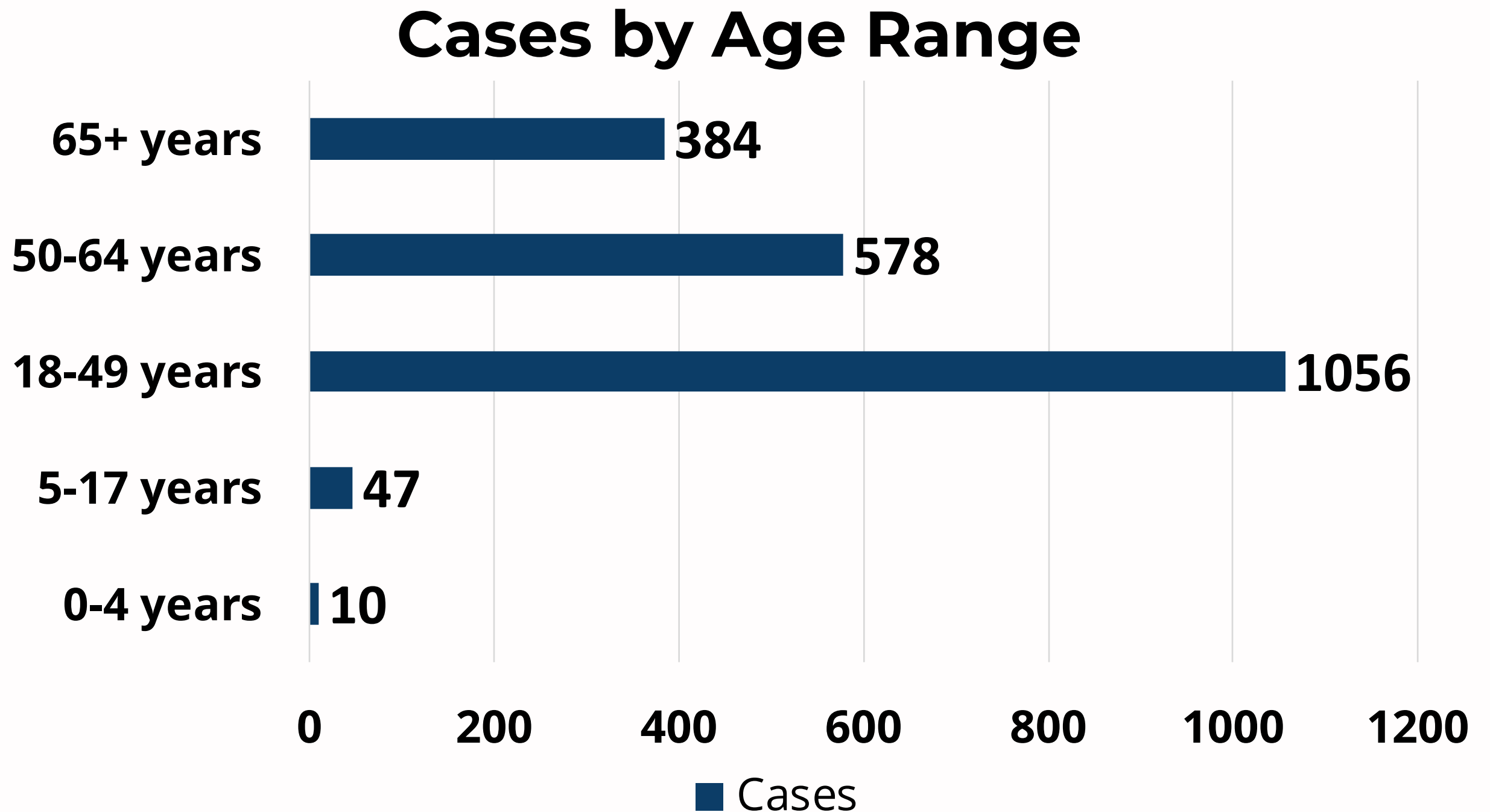


**22 unknown
positive cases**
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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Timeline of Delaware's Response

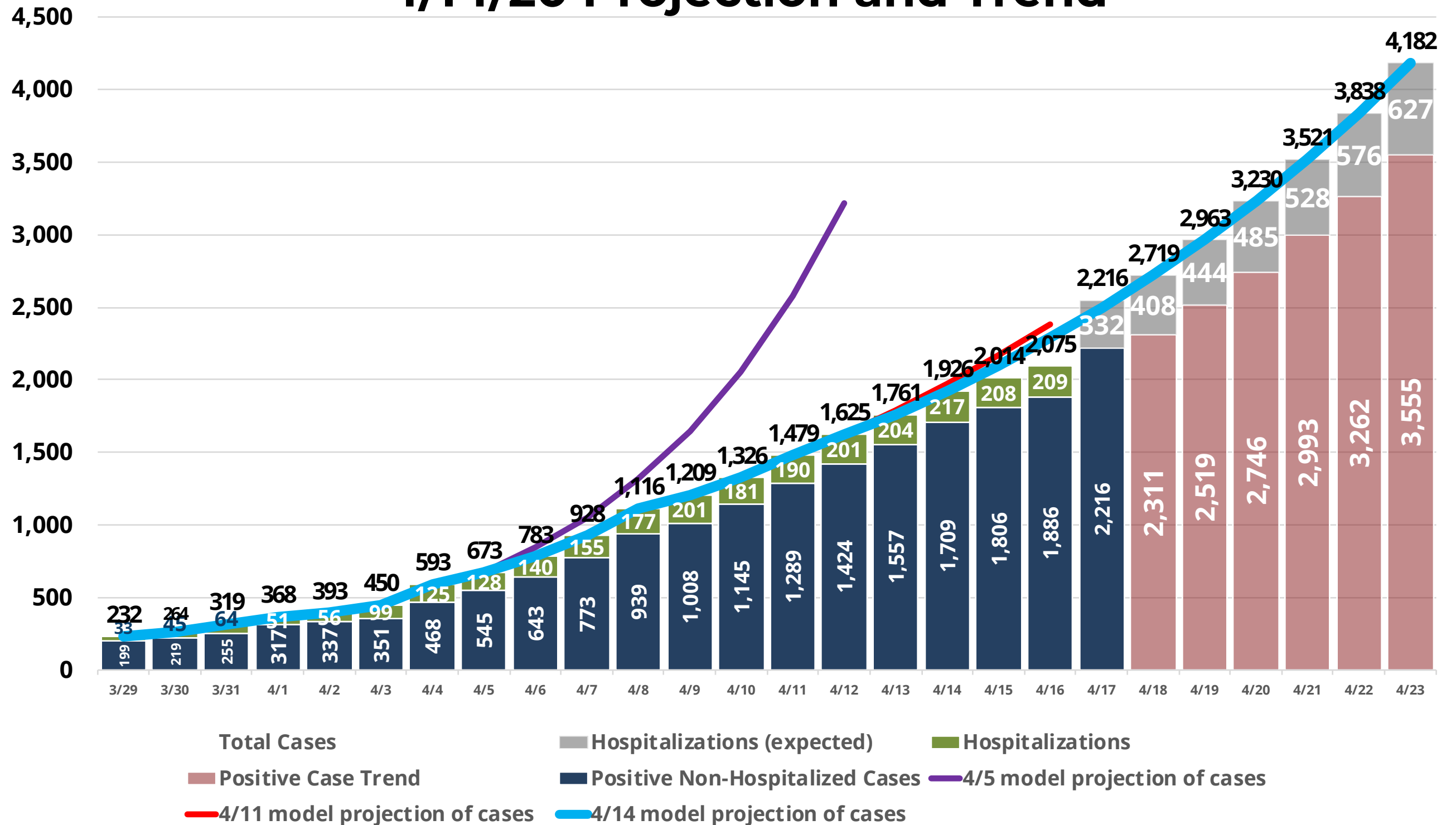
- ✓ **MARCH 11**
First confirmed positive case of COVID-19
- ✓ **MARCH 12**
State of Emergency Declaration
- ✓ **MARCH 16**
Closed restaurants and bars
- ✓ **March 21**
Closed Delaware beaches
- ✓ **MARCH 22**
Stay-At-Home Order
- ✓ **MARCH 23**
Schools closed until May 15
- ✓ **MARCH 29**
Out-of-state travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days
- ✓ **APRIL 1**
Additional business restrictions
- ✓ **APRIL 2**
Community Call-to-Action for supplies and materials
- ✓ **APRIL 6**
Banned short-term and commercial rentals
- ✓ **APRIL 15**
Stricter measures in long-term care facilities

"Stay safe. Stay home. All restrictions are intended to flatten the curve and preserve hospital capacity."

-Governor John Carney

Projections

4/14/20 Projection and Trend



Education

- **Schools remain closed until May 18**
- **Not enough information yet** to make a decision to close remainder of the year
- **Regular communication** with Superintendents
- Schools remain **focused on remote learning**

Restarting the Economy

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN FIRST:

- 14 days of **declining symptoms, presumed cases**
- 14 days of **declining hospitalizations**
- Ability to treat COVID-19 patients **in hospitals without crisis care**
- Extensive **testing programs** for health care workers

Restarting the Economy

TO GET THERE, WE NEED:

- **Widespread testing**
- **Contact tracing and surveillance** for older Delawareans, lower-income communities, and minority populations
- Adequate supply of **personal protective equipment**
- Protecting **health and safety of workforce**
- Public guidance on **social distancing and face coverings**
- **Constant monitoring** of situation to mitigate new outbreaks

Restarting the Economy

**THEN WE CAN IMPLEMENT
PHASES OF RESTART.**

**RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY TO
PROTECT DELAWAREANS.**

Restarting the Economy

MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT WILL REMAIN DURING PHASES OF RESTART

- **Social distancing**
 - *Requiring at least 6 ft. in retail stores*
- **Face coverings in public**
- **Hygiene**
 - *Access to hand washing or sanitizing stations*
 - *Don't touch your face*
 - *Don't shake hands*
- **Limited gatherings**
- **Vulnerable populations to shelter in place**

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Children's Mental Health Support

1-800-969-HELP(4357)

Text "DE" to 741-741

Report Child Abuse or Neglect

Hotline: 1-800-292-9582

Report online: iseethesigns.org

In an emergency, call 9-1-1

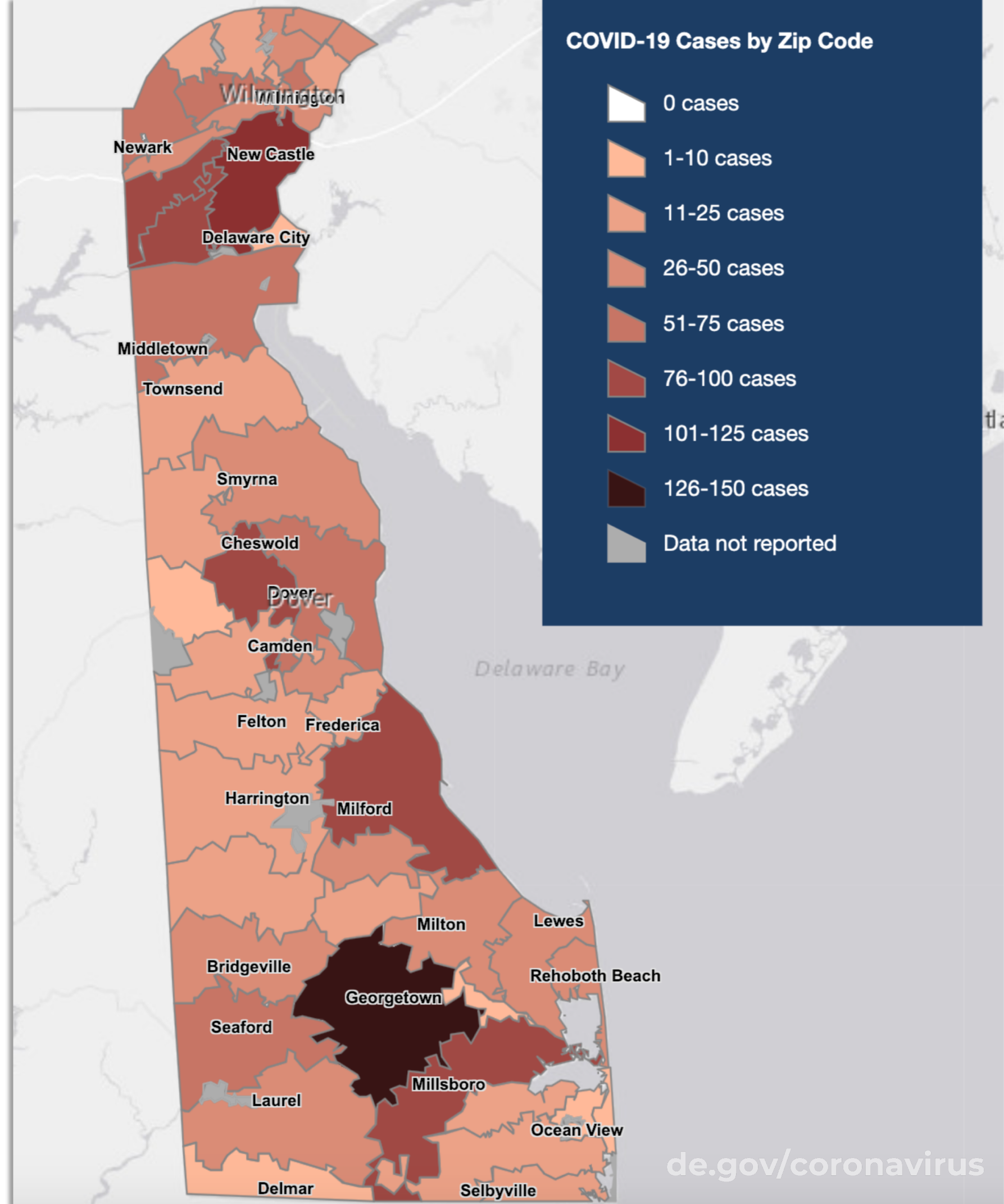


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COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code



Public Health Response

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Data-Driven Community Testing and Education Plans

Focusing on:

- **Testing and access to care**
- **Support for those who need quarantine or isolation and are unable to social distance safely**
- **Education and community outreach**

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Community Testing

- Large employers in **Sussex County**
- **For health and welfare** of others in the community, and families of essential workers
- Partnering with hospitals on **community testing sites**

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Quarantine and Isolation Support

- Working with **Delaware Emergency Management Agency**
- Ensuring individual/family **conditions to isolate at home**
- Providing **connection to medical resources** in the community
- Assuring **food, shelter, and basic services**

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Community Outreach

- Partnering with **local community organizations** and **health centers**
- **Supply Care Packages** to empower individuals to protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors:
 - Bandanas
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Soap
 - Household cleaner
 - Educational materials

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Testing

- **Total State Lab Tests – 2,251**
 - Positives – 441
 - Negatives - 1,810
- **Total Hospital Tests – 15,248**



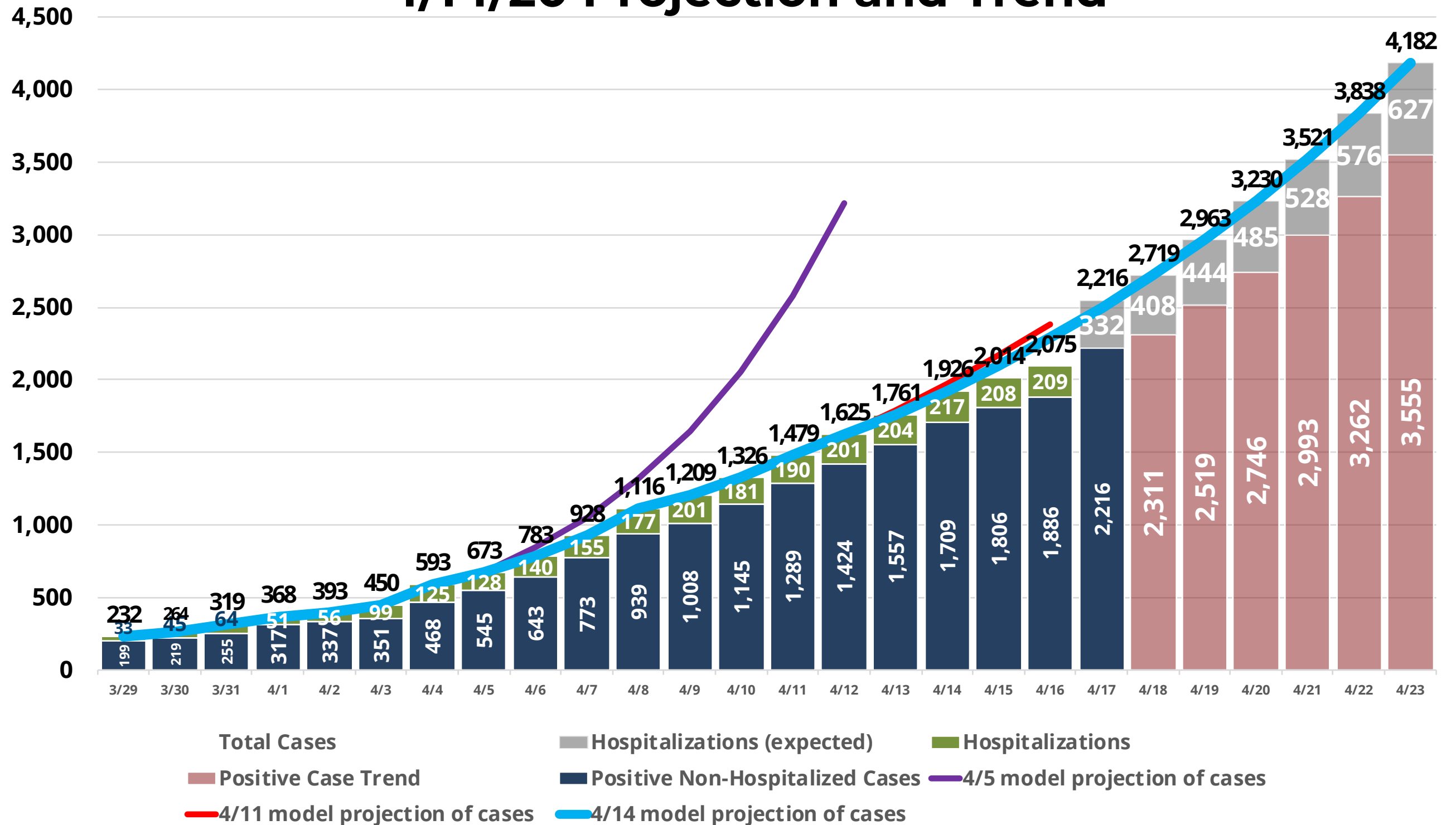
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Preparation & Partnership

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**Delaware National
Guard assists
Division of Public
Health with
Personal Protective
Equipment (PPE)
Inventory**

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We're in this together.

- Stay home.
- Practice basic hygiene.
- Protect your neighbors.
- Save lives.

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